

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Akira Tani  
Application No.: ~~10/108,241~~ 10 667 S 28  
Filing Date: September 22, 2003  
Customer No.: 29540  
For: **EASILY CONNECTED AND SEPARATED COLUMNAR COUPLER STRUCTURE**  
Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: MICHAEL P. FERGUSON

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

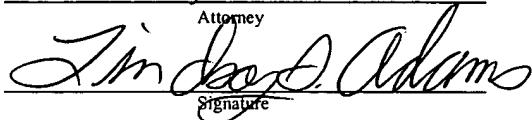
**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants requests that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks which follow, that each of the present pending claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 31, 2005

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October 31, 2005

Date of Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 006859.114819.